

**MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST
DETERMINATION OF ELIGIBILITY FORM**

NR Eligible: yes _____
no _____

Property Name: Old Wolford House Inventory Number: AL-III-C-070
Address: 12701 Windy Hills Road Historic district: yes ☒ no
City: Flintstone Zip Code: 21530 County: Allegany
USGS Quadrangle(s): Evitts Creek
Property Owner: Amos Alexander Tax Account ID Number: 0121006130
Tax Map Parcel Number(s): 81 Tax Map Number: 17
Project: Martin Mountain Communication Tower Agency: SHA
Agency Prepared By: SHA
Preparer's Name: Rebecca Crew Date Prepared: 03/31/2008
Documentation is presented in: MIHP form AL-III-C-070
Preparer's Eligibility Recommendation: _____ Eligibility recommended ☒ Eligibility not recommended
Criteria: A B C D Considerations: A B C D E F G
Complete if the property is a contributing or non-contributing resource to a NR district/property:
Name of the District/Property: _____
Inventory Number: _____ Eligible: yes Listed: yes
Site visit by MHT Staff yes ☒ no Name: _____ Date: _____

Description of Property and Justification: *(Please attach map and photo)*

The Old Wolford House is set on a 9.79 acre parcel on the south side of Baltimore Highway (US 40) and I-68. It is west of Windy Hills Road and a three-bay front façade faces south towards the driveway. A pool is to the east and a small pond is to the west. The parcel is mostly open, with mature trees clustered around the dwelling. It is a frame, two-and-a-half-story frame dwelling with cross gable roof showing the influence of Andrew Jackson Downing on the vernacular I-house. The house has a rear ell and a one-story addition at the northeast corner. The remains of another frame addition are at the west side of the house. The foundation of the original structure is rubble stone, while the foundations of the additions are concrete masonry units. An interior brick chimney extends from the east side of the original house. Stamped metal clads the main roof; standing-seam metal clads the porch roof. The roof has a box cornice and partial returns at the gable ends. Three-sided bays flank the front door. Most of the windows are boarded or missing, but the most recent fenestration appears to have been one-over-one double-hung sash. The casings and header caps above each window are pointed. The second floor windows in the first and third bay of the front façade are paired. The front façade is clad in weatherboard, but the sides, rear, and northeast addition have asbestos shingle cladding. French doors lead from the northeast addition to the pool.

The house is in extremely poor condition; it appears to have been uninhabited for several years. The current owner, Alexander

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MHT Comments:

Tim Tamm
Reviewer, Office of Preservation Services
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Reviewer, National Register Program

6/25/08
Date
7/2/08
Date

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Amos, acquired the property December 28, 2001 from John and Janine Parsons (ref. Liber 700, folio 366). The Parsons acquired the property November 23, 1994 from Fay and Gloria Leydig and Black Diamond Energies (ref. Liber 622, folio 349). The Leydigs purchased the property from Alfred Nicholson, representative of the estate of Dale Nicholson, on October 19, 1990 (ref. Liber 591, folio 79). Dale Nicholson, who died March 28, 1990 purchased the property from Stella Larson on December 29, 1972 (ref. Liber 459, folio 782). Stella Larsen purchased the property from Oliver Magruder September 24, 1964 (ref. Liber 376, folio 411). Oliver Magruder purchased the property from Ira and Ruth Fisher (ref. Liber 201, folio 268). The Fishers purchased the property from William and Effie Brant on April 1, 1915 (ref. Liber 116, folio 267). Mrs. Brant was one of three daughters of Hiram and Martha Wolford. The Brants purchased the property December 3, 1898, the same year the Hiram Wolford died. Summerfield Hinkle, the husband of a second Wolford daughter served as the executor of Hiram Wolford's estate. Martha Wolford continued to live at the Martin Mountain home with the Brants until her death in 1904. Hiram Wolford began acquiring the property in 1865, but according to his obituary, he had lived on the farm since 1843. Below are the obituaries for Hiram and Martha Wolford.

WOLFORD 23 Feb 1898 Hiram Wolford died last evening at his home, 8 miles out on the Baltimore Pike. Mr Wolford was born in Bedford Co, PA on 30 Mar 1819 and in 1824, his parents moved to Allegany Co, MD, where he has lived ever since. He died on the farm where he had lived for over 55 years. He was a faithful member of the Fairview Church where he was an official and attended for half a century. A wife and 3 daughters survive: Mrs Lloyd Bucy; Mrs Summerfield Hinkle; and Mrs William Brant. Only one brother, Mr Daniel Wolford Sr, 82 years old, survives. The funeral services was from the Wolford home on Martin's Mountain, Rev Howard L Schlineke preached at the Fairview Church and burial in the IOOF cemetery.(1)

WOLFORD 25 Oct 1904 Mrs Martha Wolford, wife of the late Hiram Wolford, died at her residence on Martin Mountain, eight miles east of this city on the Baltimore Pike at 1:00 o'clock this afternoon. Mrs Wolford was in her 79 th year and the last of the Wolford family who have been a prominent family of this county for the past century. She leaves 3 daughters to mourn their loss; Mrs Summerfield Hinkle of Rush; Mrs Jennie Bucy of Cumberland; and Mrs William Brant with whom she made her residence. (2)

Significance Statement

While the Old Wolford House retains integrity of location, it lacks integrity of design, materials, workmanship, feeling, and association due to its poor condition. The construction of I-68, as well as a swimming pool, diminished the integrity of its setting. Upon preliminary research, the property has not been found to be associated with significant events (Criterion A) or persons (Criterion B), and it is not the work of a master and does not exhibit high artistic value (Criterion C). It was not evaluated under Criterion D. Due to the lack of integrity and significance, the property is not eligible for the National Register of Historic Places (NRHP).

(1) Excerpts from The Cumberland Times (1898) transcribed by Charles Often
<http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~mdallegh/c-times/1898.htm> , accessed 3/31/2008

(2) Excerpts from The Cumberland Times (1904) transcribed by Charles Often <http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~mdallegh/c-times/1904.htm>, accessed 3/31/2008

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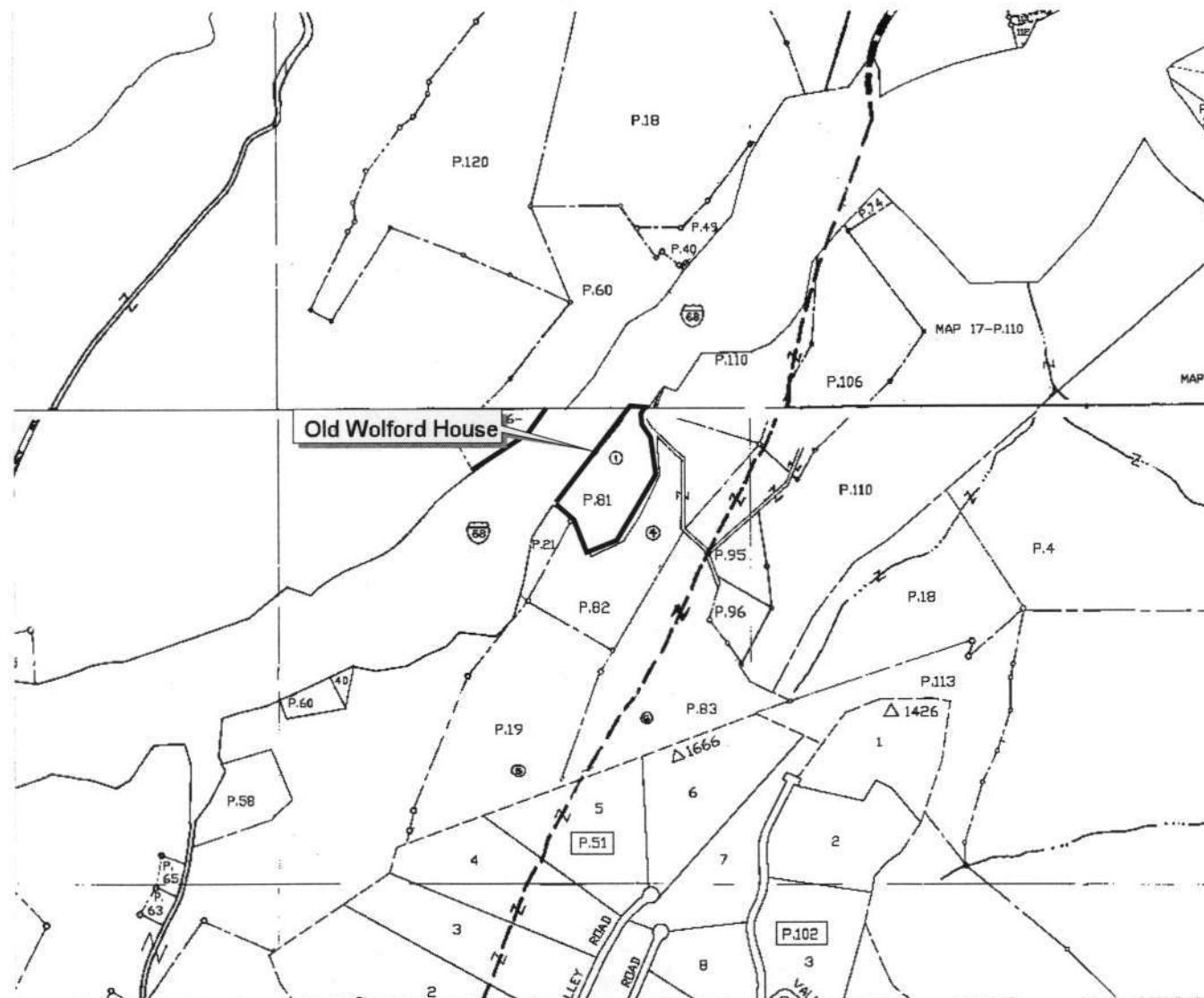
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 Date

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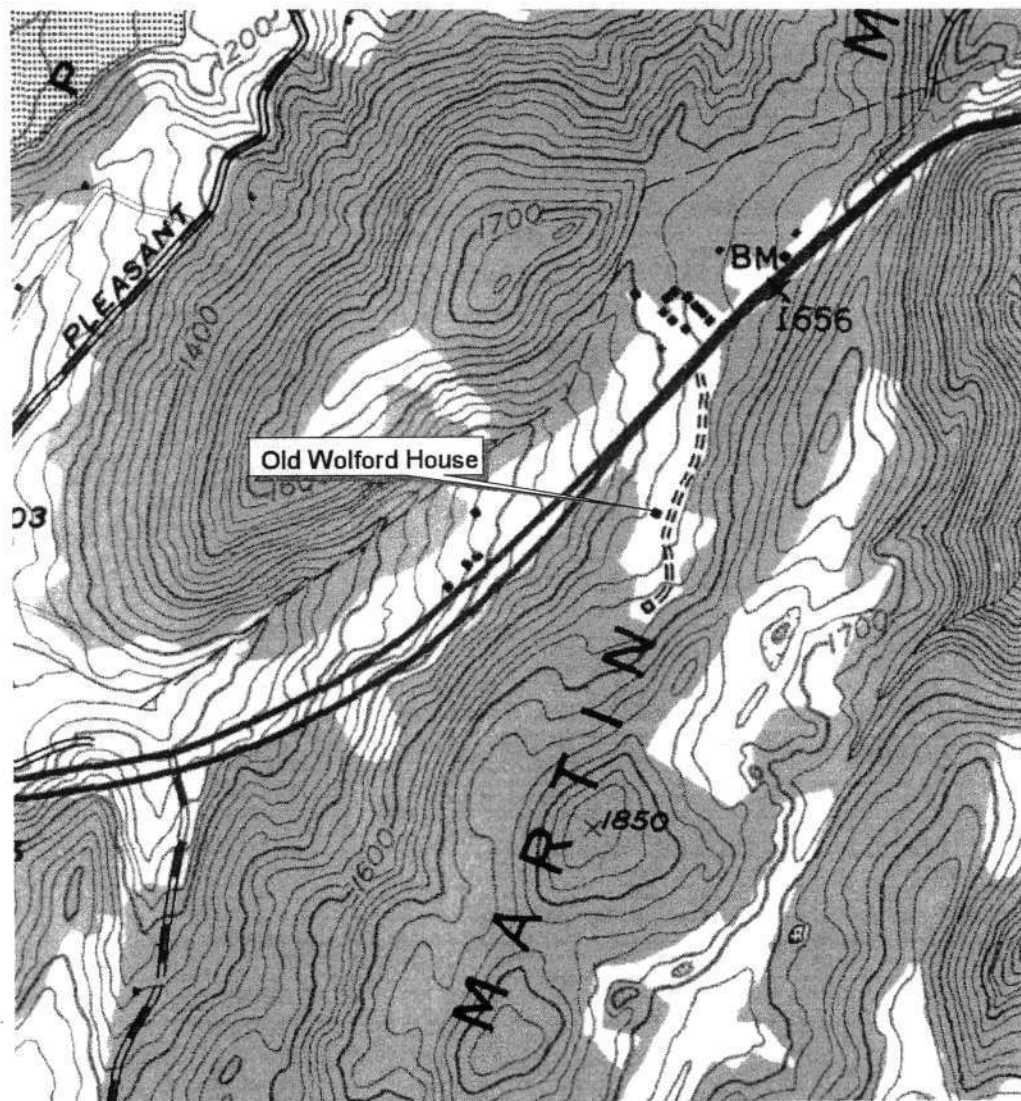


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12701 Windy Hills Road
Evitts Creek Quad

County



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0.4 0 0.4 0.8 Miles



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Old Wolford House

Allegany County, MD

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MD SHPD (neg.)

View Facing NW towards dwelling

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MD SHPO (neg.)

View facing N toward dwelling

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MD SHPO (neg.)

View facing SE toward dwelling

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INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC

AND/OR COMMON

Old Welford House

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

Off National Road

CITY, TOWN

Yonkers

— VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

Allegany

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY

☐ DISTRICT
☐ BUILDING(S)
☐ STRUCTURE
☐ SITE
☐ OBJECT

OWNERSHIP

☐ PUBLIC
☐ PRIVATE
☐ BOTH

PUBLIC ACQUISITION

☐ IN PROCESS
☐ BEING CONSIDERED

STATUS

☐ OCCUPIED
☐ UNOCCUPIED
☐ WORK IN PROGRESS
ACCESSIBLE
☐ YES: RESTRICTED
☐ YES: UNRESTRICTED
☐ NO

PRESENT USE

☐ AGRICULTURE ☐ MUSEUM
☐ COMMERCIAL ☐ PARK
☐ EDUCATIONAL ☐ PRIVATE RESIDENCE
☐ ENTERTAINMENT ☐ RELIGIOUS
☐ GOVERNMENT ☐ SCIENTIFIC
☐ INDUSTRIAL ☐ TRANSPORTATION
☐ MILITARY ☐ OTHER:

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

Telephone #:

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

— VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Liber #:

Folio #:

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

STATE

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

DATE

☐ FEDERAL ☐ STATE ☐ COUNTY ☐ LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

7 DESCRIPTION**CONDITION**

☐ EXCELLENT
☐ GOOD
☐ FAIR

☐ DETERIORATED
☐ RUINS
☐ UNEXPOSED

CHECK ONE

☐ UNALTERED
☐ ALTERED

CHECK ONE

☐ ORIGINAL SITE
☐ MOVED DATE _____

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

8 SIGNIFICANCE

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PERIOD

☐ PREHISTORIC
☐ 1400-1499
☐ 1500-1599
☐ 1600-1699
☐ 1700-1799
☐ 1800-1899
☐ 1900-

☐ ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC
☐ ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC
☐ AGRICULTURE
☐ ARCHITECTURE
☐ ART
☐ COMMERCE
☐ COMMUNICATIONS

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW

☐ COMMUNITY PLANNING
☐ CONSERVATION
☐ ECONOMICS
☐ EDUCATION
☐ ENGINEERING
☐ EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT
☐ INDUSTRY
☐ INVENTION

☐ LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE
☐ LAW
☐ LITERATURE
☐ MILITARY
☐ MUSIC
☐ PHILOSOPHY
☐ POLITICS/GOVERNMENT

☐ RELIGION
☐ SCIENCE
☐ SCULPTURE
☐ SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN
☐ THEATER
☐ TRANSPORTATION
☐ OTHER (SPECIFY)

SPECIFIC DATES

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

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9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY _____

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE

COUNTY

STATE

COUNTY

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

David Dorsey, Historic Sites Surveyor

ORGANIZATION

MHT

STREET & NUMBER

County Office Bldg., Box 1439

CITY OR TOWN

Cumberland

DATE

8/78

TELEPHONE

777-5944

STATE

MD 21502

The Maryland Historic Sites Inventory was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature, to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 Supplement.

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